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SUBJECT: PROFESSOR HERBERT WEICHMANN: HONORARY CITIZEN
OF MINNEAPOLIS

REF: HAMBURG 507

1. EUR/CE HAS ENDEAVORED SINCE RECEIPT REFTEL TO OBTAIN DEFINITIVE REPLY FROM OFFICE OF MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR CONCERNING ORIGIN OF AWARD OF HONORARY MINNEAPOLIS "CITIZENSHIP" TO WEICHMANN. MAYOR'S OFFICE FINALLY ADVISED APRIL 10 THAT TO BEST THEIR RECOLLECTION AWARD WAS CONFERRED BY ONE ERVIN GAINES, THEN HEAD OF CITY LIBRARY BOARD (NOW RESIDING OHIO), WHO WAS TRAVELING IN EUROPE AT THAT TIME. ACCORDING TO MAYOR'S OFFICE, GAINES CONFERRED SUCH "CITIZENSHIP" UPON MAYORS IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN CITIES IN APPRECIATION OF COURTEOUS TREATMENT HE RECEIVED THERE. IT IS NOT KNOWN TO MAYOR'S OFFICE WHETHER GAINES PERSONALLY MET WITH WEICHMANN.

2. MAYOR'S OFFICE STATED IT UNABLE LOCATE CORRESPONDENCE FROM EITHER WEICHMANN OR CONSUL GENERAL. THEY INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL WRITE TO BOTH, PREFACING LETTERS WITH STATEMENT THAT DEPARTMENT HAS CALLED MATTER TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR ATTENTION. LETTER FOR WEICHMANN WILL BE TRANSMITTED

THROUGH CONGEN.

3. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER MINNEAPOLIS

"CITIZEN" RANKS WITH OR ABOVE KENTUCKY COLONEL. KISSINGER

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